

Grievances, Department of Pensions and Pensioners Welfare orders issued on 8.3.1988.

Some cases are pending due to non-availability of complete Pension documents and/or option certificate regarding revision of pension. Such left over cases are being processed and their settlement closely monitored on receipt of representation.

Defence Pension Adalats being held at different stations are also getting such cases finalised on the basis of petitions filed with them.

Amendment to Hindu Marriage Act, 1956

8627. SHRI MANIK REDDY : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any move to amend the Hindu Marriage Act, 1956 to make the 'breakdown of marriage' as a ground for divorce as recommended by the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Marriage Laws (Amendment) Bill, 1981 in their report presented to Lok Sabha on 18 November, 1983;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not coming forward with such amendment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Marriage Laws (Amendment) B.A., 1981 had observed that unless the system of family courts is introduced all over the country and a suitable procedure (including provision for marriage counselling services, consideration of matters by experts in the field of psychiatry, social behaviour, etc.) is devised, it would not be advisable to make the proposed new ground of divorce as part of the law. As the system of family courts has not yet been introduced all over the

country, the proposal to amend the Hindu Marriage Act for this purpose has not been taken up.

Ozone Hole

8628. DR. V. VENKATESH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian scientists have discovered hole in Ozone layer on the icy continent of Antarctica; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) and (b). The Indian scientists have observed in 1987 the phenomenon of Ozone hole over Antarctica. A seasonal depletion of Ozone in the atmosphere over Antarctica occurs during the Southern Spring i.e. September-October. The Indian scientific programme on measurement of Ozone over Antarctica both by ground-based and balloon-borne instruments is continuing.

Central aid to tackle problem of Educated Unemployed

8629. DR. V. VENKATESH :
SHRI BIMALKANTI GHOSH :

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the nature and extent of Central aid given to the States during the current Plan to tackle the problem of educated unemployed; State-wise;

(b) the results achieved so far; and

(c) the pattern of aid to be provided during the Eighth plan for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI) : (a) and (b). Under the Self-Employment to Educated Unemployed Youth Scheme, Central Government